

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 460
By Harper

A RESOLUTION to honor Woodland Hills, Inc. and their many volunteers for their exemplary philanthropic efforts.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the elected representatives of the state of Tennessee should honor those laudable organizations and individuals who, because of their concern for their community, commit their time and talents to improving the lives of our youth; and

WHEREAS, an organization with a rich history spanning more than eight decades, Woodland Hills, Inc., began in 1911 as the Tennessee Vocational Training School for Boys; Mr. C. C. Menzler and Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Spencer contributed greatly to the center's early growth and, in 1971, the school was renamed the Spencer Youth Center; and

WHEREAS, local members of Church Women United and others became interested in the center in the early 1970s and organized a volunteer group to provide the center's boys with services and opportunities they may not otherwise have been afforded; and

WHEREAS, known as "Friends of Spencer", the volunteers formed committees to handle special services and specific programs; the volunteers began giving birthday parties, offering tutoring, mending clothes, teaching arts and crafts, making home baked goods, taking the boys to church and offering free legal advice and services; and

WHEREAS, the volunteers began their Christmas program in 1972, a program which included gifts for all of the boys, a Santa and all of the holiday trimmings; and

WHEREAS, the staff, board and volunteers have continued to give unselfishly of themselves, their time and their talents to the center, now Woodland Hills, Inc., and are to be commended for their exemplary efforts; and

WHEREAS, with April being National Volunteer Recognition and Appreciation Month, this Assembly wishes to recognize and thank the following valuable volunteers who are "Friends of Woodland Hills": Bobby Brooks, Jean Brooks, Rick Baxter, David Donoho, Teryna Edward, Judy Flenory, Joseph Johnson, Kevin Jones, Don LaValley, Jacqueline Merritt, Sandra Moss, Amanda Myatt, Andrew Oyefesobi, William Poole, Harriet Rogers, Kathy Stephenson, Jamillah Warner, Alyssa Weiskoff, and Terrence White; and

WHEREAS, this Assembly also wishes to recognize the following people who volunteer as foster grandparents: Leeana Batey, Edison Buggs, Bertha Gassaway, Granville Lyons, Ozzie Newsome, Katie Noon, Corrine Tucker, and Melvina White; and the following board members: Cathie Buckner - Chairperson, Kim Troup - Treasurer, Randle Ganaway - Secretary, Milton Wells - Coordinator, Andrew McDuffee - "Santa Claus", Flora J. Holland and Sam Coleman; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we hereby honor Woodland Hills, Inc., an organization that has rendered an unparalleled dimension of service to our great state. We also recognize and thank the Woodland Hills Board, staff and volunteers from "Friends of Woodland Hills" for their exemplary service and dedication and devotion to the center and the community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.